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Docket No.: A53.12-0006

Group Art Unit: 3618

Examiner: SHRIVER II,
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The patents or publications listed on the enclosed PTO Form-1449 are submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97. Copies of the patents or publications cited are enclosed, except as waived by the Official Gazette notice of August 5, 2003 regarding copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications.

I. INFORMATION FROM RELATED LITIGATION

The following materials are being submitted under M.P.E.P. §2001.06(c) regarding related litigation:

1. Notice of Litigation
2. COMPLAINT;
3. PRELIMINARY CLAIM CHARTS OF DEFENDANTS TOYOTA MOTOR CORPORATION AND TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, USA, INC.;
4. MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF TOYOTA'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE AMENDED ANSWER, AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES AND COUNTERCLAIMS"; and
5. AMENDED ANSWER, AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES AND COUNTERCLAIMS OF TOYOTA MOTOR CORPORATION AND TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, USA, INC.

Additional materials and pleadings are being collected and will be submitted accordingly.

II. JAPANESE TRANSLATION

A recently obtained full translation of JP Utility Model Publication No. 51-103220 is being submitted to supplement the partial translation submitted with the IDS filed July 29, 2003.

III. COPIES OF PRIOR OFFICE ACTIONS IN RELATED APPLICATIONS

In addition, the present application is a member of a family of cases that are related to one another through claims of priority. This relationship is listed in the first paragraph of the present application.

Although the Examiner has notice of and access to the file histories of all prior related applications, and it is assumed that the Examiner will review these file histories, the enclosed information is being submitted for the Examiner's convenience.

Specifically, copies of the following materials are enclosed:

- A. Office Actions issued in U.S. Appln. No. 07/880,967
 - 1. Restriction Requirement dated April 7, 1993;
 - 2. Office Action dated February 23, 1994; and
 - 3. Office Action dated September 16, 1994.
- B. Office Actions issued in U.S. Appln. No. 07/948,288
 - 1. Office Action dated June 14, 1993;
 - 2. Office Action dated February 23, 1994;
 - 3. Office Action dated October 17, 1994; and
 - 4. Advisory Action dated November 26, 1996.
- C. Office Actions issued in U.S. Appln. No. 08/705,001
 - 1. Office Action dated February 21, 1997;
 - 2. Office Action dated January 6, 1998;
 - 3. Office Action dated September 10, 1998;
 - 4. Office Action dated January 22, 1999;
 - 5. Office Action dated July 6, 1999; and
 - 6. Interview Summary dated October 4, 1999.
- D. Office Actions issued in U.S. Appln. No. 09/483,008
 - 1. Office Action dated May 11, 2000;
 - 2. Restriction Requirement dated January 3, 2001;
 - 3. Office Action dated May 7, 2001; and
 - 4. Office Action dated January 15, 2002.
- E. Office Action issued in U.S. Appln. No. 10/194,745
 - 1. Office Action dated January 13, 2003.

Applicants are also willing to submit any other information or paper contained in the prior application files if requested by the Examiner. However, it is assumed that these additional materials can be obtained directly from the files themselves.

TIME OF FILING

The information disclosure statement is being filed:

1. X with the application or within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.
2. after the time period specified in paragraph 1 above, but before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311. Therefore, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), submitted herewith is:
(check either A or B below)
 - A. a statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).
 - B. the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).
3. after the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, whichever occurs first, but before payment of the issue fee. Therefore, Applicant petitions for consideration and submits herewith:
 - A. a statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e);
 - B. the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

STATEMENT

(only used if No. 2(A) or No. 3 above is checked)

The person(s) signing below certify

(check appropriate paragraph)

____ that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1).

OR

____ that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2).

METHOD OF PAYMENT

 X No fee is required.

 Attached is a check in the amount of \$_____.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document No.	Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate
AA	3,732,751	03/02/1971	Berman et al.	74	675	
AB	4,646,896	03/03/1987	Hammond et al.	477	176	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	Document No.	Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes No
AL	51-103220	08/18/1976	Japan			(Full)
AM						
AN						
AO						

OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

AP	1. Unnewehr et al., <u>Electric Vehicle Technology</u> , pp. vii-x and 1-255, John Wiley & Sons (1982)
AQ	J. Gumbleton et al., <u>Special Purpose Urban Cars</u> , 690461 Soc: Automotive Eng., pp. 1-30 (May 19-23, 1969)
AR	.

EXAMINER:

DATE CONSIDERED:

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.